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EXAMINING GROUP 1712
PATENT**

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In re Application of:

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For: SOLID AQUEOUS GEL COMPRISING
HYDROPHILIC GELLING AGENT AND
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AND
METHOD OF USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, the period for response having been extended to November 21, 2003 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 and follow the amendment sections of this paper.

There are 3 attachments to this amendment: U.S. Patent Nos. 6,589,519,
6,599,328 and 6,589,538.

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